

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/386,335

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/22/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-21. These claims will be renumbered as 1-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20060713.
 7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
 8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
 9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment was received on 5/22/06, and has been entered and made of record.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). A copy of foreign priority paper was filed on 8/31/99.

ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 1-5 and 7-21** are allowed. These claims will be renumbered as 1-20.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claim 1 defines a document input system comprising: at least one digital copier for inputting a document image and information relating to the document image, at least one system serving as a transmission destination, storage means for storing the document image inputted by the copier; and transmitting means for periodically reading from the storage means and transmitting the document image to the destination. The claims distinguish over the prior art in that the at least one digital copier generates a title for the document image based on priorities assigned, by the at least one digital copier as described in the Specification (pages 28 and 29). The claimed combination ensures an appropriate title by a simple operation to the control panel using the priority assigned.

The most relevant prior art Ota (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,102) teaches a method of generating a title for the document image based on the information relating to the document image inputted. However, Ota does not teach the applicant's claimed combination of generating the title based on the assigned priorities.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAN S. PARK whose telephone number is (571) 272-7409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore can be reached on (571) 272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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